DELTA LEVEE AND CHANNEL MANAGEMENT ISSUES

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Memorandum

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From : THE RECLAMATION BOARD

Subject: Bay-Delta Oversight Council Briefing Paper Comments

Thank you for the opportunity to review your "Briefing Paper on Delta Levees." The Reclamation Board concurs with the discussion on Delta levees contained in the Paper. We would like to emphasize that the Board is responsible to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for operation and maintenance of the Sacramento River Flood Control Project levees in the Delta. These federal levees, which comprise about 35 percent of the Delta levees, are generally constructed and maintained to higher standards than the nonfederal levees. Even so, the ongoing Phase IV of the Sacramento River Flood Control Project System Evaluation has identified approximately 17 miles of federal levees within the Delta in need of repair to restore them to their original design. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, together with the Board and affected local reclamation districts, will be cost-sharing in these levee rehabilitation efforts.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 653-5434.

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